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## COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

## CONCERNING

## DENIAL OF GEOPHYSICAL SEISMOGRAPH EQUIPMENT TO RUMANIA

1. The United States Delegation wishes to inform the Committee that United States authorities have denied, after thorough technical review, two applications to export Geophysical Seismograph Equipment for oil and geophysical exploration in Rumania. One application, for equipment valued at \$356,636.00, named the Oil Directorate, Bucharest, as the consignee; the second proposed shipment, valued at \$497,552.57, was said to be intended for the Department for Geological and Geophysical Research, Bucharest.

2. The technical review concentrated on the magnetic recording equipment incorporated in the proposed exports. The review disclosed that: a) the equipment represented quite a high degree of technological competence in the magnetic recording field, especially in connection with control techniques and accuracy mechanism; b) in its present state the equipment could be put to important military uses and could also be modified for other military applications; and c) examination and use of these same general types of equipment would permit knowledge to be gained concerning techniques and principles which could be applied to military purposes. In the opinion of the United States authorities such magnetic recording equipment: a) falls within the present definition of IL 1572; b) represents the principal element of a complete seismograph package involved in the two applications, despite quantity or value factors, by reason of the incorporation of a high degree of technology of military importance; and c) can feasibly be removed or used for other purposes. The United States authorities decided that by virtue of Administrative Principle No. 3, the embargo of the total equipment package to the Soviet Bloc was required.

3. Should efforts be made to obtain such Geophysical Seismograph Equipment for the Soviet Bloc from other COCOM countries, United States authorities trust that other COCOM countries will take action paralleling that which has been taken by the United States.

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